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SUBJECT: IEA LONG TERM PROGRAM
FOR EB-BOSWORTH FROM ENDERS
1. ERC AT CABINET LEVEL DECIDED THIS MORNING THAT ATTEMPT AT CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON IEA LONG TERM PROGRAM THIS WEEK COULD BE DAMAGING TO PRESIDENT'S POSITION (AS YET UNDECIDED) ON ENERGY BILL, AND TO THE PROGRAM ITSELF.
2. THEREFORE WE DECIDED ON THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO:
CONCLUSION OF BARGAINING DECEMBER 19; ANNOUNCEMENT BY DAVIGNON THAT OFFICIALS HAD REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT, WHICH THEY INTEND TO CHECK WITH HOME AUTHORITIES; NO OTHER DETAILS ANNOUNCED.
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS BEGINNING JANUARY 5. CONFIDENTIAL
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- -- EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING ON ENERGY POLICY, JANUARY 16.
- -- OFFICIAL SIGNING OF LONG TERM PROGRAM JANUARY 23.
- 3. PROBLEM NOW IS HOW TO SET UP THIS SCENARIO WITHOUT GIVING EC EIGHT AND JAPAN AN OPPORTUNITY TO WRIGGLE OFF THE

HOOK. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT DAVIGNON EARLIEST. MAKE POINT THAT ERC AT CABINET LEVEL RECONFIRMED OUR INTEREST IN CLOSING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE LONG TERM PROGRAM THIS FRIDAY. POINT OUT THAT PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET MADE UP HIS MIND ON ENERGY BILL, AND MAY NOT DO SO FOR A WEEK. THUS, ANY ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEK ON ANY ENERGY MATTER COULD BE UPSETTING. WE DO NOT WISH TO MAKE THIS WIDELY KNOWN, BUT HOPE THAT DAVIGNON COULD ADAPT HIMSELF TO IT.

- 4. PROPOSED SCENARIO COULD ALLOW EC FACE-SAVING OPPORTUNITY THROUGH DEBATE MSP BEFORE FINAL SIGNING ON JANUARY 23.
- 5. PLEASE REPORT DAVIGNON'S REACTION ASAP. PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS ON TELEPHONE. INGERSOLL

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